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Eleventh meeting
15 March 1994

OBSERVANCE OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Special meeting of the General Assembly in 1995 at the level of head of State or Government

Note by the Chairman and Bureau of the Preparatory Committee

1. At the meeting of the Preparatory Committee held on 15 February a discussion took place on the question of arrangements for the special meeting of the General Assembly, at the level of head of State or Government, to take place in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. At the end of the discussion, the Chairman and Bureau were asked to produce a note which might facilitate further consideration of the question.

2. Issues on which agreement was reached were:

(a) There should be a special meeting of the Assembly at the level of head of State or Government in October 1995;

(b) That meeting should include the adoption of a declaration on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary;

(c) A decision on the arrangements for the special meeting would need to be taken very soon so that Governments can be advised of those arrangement and the Secretary-General can commence working on them. That decision will take the form of an agreement within the Preparatory Committee to be reported to the General Assembly, which would then adopt a resolution constituting the decision.

3. The main issues which need to be resolved are:

(a) The relationship between the special meeting and the regular general debate held at the General Assembly;

(b) The duration of the special meeting;

(c) The form of that meeting.

4. One approach suggested was that the special meeting could occur early in October, that is, within the period in which the general debate is normally held, so that political leaders participating in the general debate would also be able to participate in the special meeting.

5. Many participants noted that such a proposal had the distinct disadvantage of causing the commemoration to take place on a date other than the specific date, 24 October 1995, 50 years after the Charter entered into force.

6. The attached outline calendar (see annex) indicates when the General Assembly will meet in 1995 and the period for which the general debate would normally be scheduled.

7. If the special meeting were to be held on dates which included 24 October then it would follow immediately upon the conclusion of the general debate and would most likely take place on 23 and 24 October.

8. If it were thought that each high-level personality who wished to should be afforded the opportunity to address the special meeting for an agreed limited time, then the days 23 and 24 October may be sufficient, although 25 October could also be required.

9. Under such an arrangement, the adoption of the Declaration of 1995 could be scheduled for 24 October.

10. The Preparatory Committee will need to complete consideration of the issues outlined in this note and formulate a decision to be recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

Annex

1995

SEPTEMBER	Monday, 18 September	- Opening of the General Assembly
	Tuesday, 19 September	
	Wednesday, 20 September	
	Thursday, 21 September	
	Friday, 22 September	
	Saturday, 23 September	
	Sunday, 24 September	
	Monday, 25 September	- Opening of General Debate
	Tuesday, 26 September	
	Wednesday, 27 September	
	Thursday, 28 September	
	Friday, 29 September	
	Saturday, 30 September	
OCTOBER	Sunday, 1 October	
	Monday, 2 October	
	Tuesday, 3 October	
	Wednesday, 4 October	
	Thursday, 5 October	
	Friday, 6 October	
	Saturday, 7 October	
	Sunday, 8 October	
	Monday, 9 October	
	Tuesday, 10 October	
	Wednesday, 11 October	
	Thursday, 12 October	
	Friday, 13 October	- End of General Debate
	Saturday, 14 October	
	Sunday, 15 October	
	Monday, 16 October	
	Tuesday, 17 October	
	Wednesday, 18 October	

Thursday, 19 October

Friday, 20 October

Saturday, 21 October

Sunday, 22 October

Monday, 23 October

Tuesday, 24 October - Fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

Wednesday, 25 October